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CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: APRIL 4, 2007

DEPARTMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Discussion and possible action on the submittal of the city of Las Vegas 2007-2008 Action Plan for the allocation of \$10,963,658 in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and State of Nevada funds - All Wards

The Action Plan citizen participation process included extensive opportunities for citizen input and comment. Two (2) focus group meetings were held in July 2006 with residents in East Las Vegas and West Las Vegas to help determine local community needs and priorities. In addition, approximately 5,810 surveys, printed in both English and Spanish, were distributed within the low and moderate-income neighborhoods in the city of Las Vegas (City) to gather public input. Approximately 1,415 surveys were received from City residents.

The survey results of the community needs and priorities were provided to the Community Development Recommending Board (CDRB), a 24-member citizen board. The CDRB recommends funding for the housing, homeless, and community development programs and projects that most effectively and efficiently meet community needs to the City Council. The CDRB held a total of 13 public meetings to review applications, hear applicant presentations, and make recommendations to the City Council on the allocation of grant funds. All recommendations by the CDRB were approved at the March 7, 2007 City Council public hearing.

The public notice of the Draft Action Plan was published on March 18, 2007 in the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Las Vegas Sentinel Voice, and El Mundo publications. The public notice states that copies of the draft plan will be available for a 30-day public review and comment period until April 16, 2007, from the City of Las Vegas Neighborhood Services Department, 400 Stewart Avenue, 2nd Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada. The public notice also states the public hearing date, time, and location to allow for public comment. A summary of the public comments received and the City's responses to the public comments will be included in the final plans to be submitted to HUD before May 15, 2007. It is expected that HUD will approve the City's Action Plan by mid-June 2007.